



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the nation's oldest and most recognized humanitarian organizations, the American Red Cross is woven tightly into the fabric of Webb County, providing compassionate care when disasters and other crises threaten to overwhelm and destroy families.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was funded in 1881 by a visionary woman named Clara Barton and chartered in Congress in 1905 to act in times of need. Your local Red Cross recently celebrated its 85th anniversary on December 31, 2002.

WHEREAS, last year, your local American Red Cross helped 198 people recover from single family fires. At such times, we can trust and rely on the Red Cross to provide services for families robbed of their loved ones, homes, livelihoods or dignity.

WHEREAS, as our military men and women join the effort to fight terrorism a world away, your local American Red Cross is working around the clock to fulfill a historic role: keeping service members and their families in touch and offering other comforts to ease the strain of being far from home.

WHEREAS, residents of Webb County get information and training they need to maintain safe and healthy lives through Red Cross courses in lifesaving skills like CPR, First Aid, Water Safety and much more.

WHEREAS, through its work, the Red Cross, an enduring American institution, restores hope at home and throughout the world every day and its vital services would not be possible without the generous support of the American people.

Now, therefore, I, Louis H. Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Judge, County of Webb, State of Texas, do hereby proclaim **March, 2003**, as

"AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH"

In Webb County, Texas and call upon the community to donate of their time and resources to support Red Cross activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the county to be affixed.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge